

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

BOSTON IRISH FAMINE MEMORIAL

HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that on the feast on St. Patrick I rise to pay tribute to the Irish community of Boston and Massachusetts for building a poignant memorial to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Irish Famine. The Boston Irish Famine Memorial sits at the corner of Washington and School Streets, near Downtown Crossing, just a few blocks from where Famine Irish refugees originally settled in the 1840s. The memorial's place along the city's Freedom trail serves as a constant reminder of what the Irish and others sought when they braved oceans and continents to reach the United States of America.

Ireland's Famine, which lasted from 1845 to 1849, drove over 100,000 Irish refugees to the shores of Boston, where they arrived impoverished, sick, and traumatized by one of the great catastrophes of the 19th Century. Their rise from famine to fame is one of the great American success stories.

The Boston Irish Famine Memorial committee was headed by Thomas J. Flatley, an Irish immigrant who came to this country in 1950 from County Mayo. Mr. Flatley's reputation as a generous contributor to and tireless advocate of Irish and religious causes is well known in Massachusetts. He and his committee were able to draw upon hundreds of friends from the greater Boston community to raise one million dollars to build the park. Donations came from individuals and large corporations alike, and ranged from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

The committee was comprised of leading members of greater Boston's Irish community, and included college presidents and bank presidents, professors and writers, musicians and artists, and representatives of the major Irish Organizations throughout the state.

Massachusetts artist Robert Shure designed the Memorial, which features twin bronze statues depicting the odyssey of the Irish immigrant from tragedy to triumph. Mr. Shure is a well-regarded artist whose works include the bust of George Washington at the Washington Memorial in Washington, as well as the Korean War Memorial in the Charleston Navy Yard, Boston.

The unveiling of the Boston Irish Famine Memorial last June 28 attracted over 7,000 people, and included Ireland's Minister of State Seamus Brennan, Ireland's Ambassador to the United States Sean O Huiginn, Massachusetts Governor Paul Cellucci and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino. Bernard Cardinal Law, head of Boston's Catholic Archdiocese, blessed the memorial. Also present that day were the ordinary people of Boston's neighborhoods—South Boston, Charlestown, Dorchester, Brighton—many of them descendants of the Famine generation. For the, it was a day of remembrance and redemption.

It is worth noting that the committee invited representatives from the African, Asian, and Jewish communities to participate in the ceremonies. The Irish Memorial is more than the story of the Irish succeeding in the United States, it is a parable of becoming American. Since the unveiling, thousands of people from all walks of life have visited the Memorial, to reflect upon the story it represents. Last October Ireland's President Mary McAleese visited the site while in Boston.

The committee's success in building this memorial park in just over two years will soon be matched by the second phase of its humane and practical mission. It is currently working to establish an Irish Famine Institute in Boston to raise relief funds for people in countries still afflicted by famine around the world today. The Institute will also seek to honor missionaries and health care workers toiling in famine countries in the spirit of the late Mother Theresa.

"The Irish love to help others in need," Flatley says. "We want the Institute to serve as a beacon of hope for those people still suffering from hunger and disease a full century and a half after Ireland's Great Hunger occurred. The Institute will give to others what the Irish themselves sought when they came to Boston—compassion and a helping hand"

These words underscore the spirit of the Irish community of Massachusetts and indeed Irish people everywhere. I offer my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to the Boston Irish Famine Memorial committee for this tremendous undertaking.

TRIBUTE TO HERBERT M. TANZMAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, March 25, the Highland Park Conservative Temple and Center will present the coveted Chaver Award for exemplary community service to Mr. Herbert M. Tanzman. I am honored to join the Temple in paying tribute to Mr. Tanzman, a leader in civic and Jewish community affairs for many years.

Herbert Tanzman's association with and service to the Highland Park Conservative Temple and Center goes back to his Bar Mitzvah in 1935. In the years since, he has been a member of the Board of Trustees for 44 years, has held the posts of Vice President and Temple Finance Committee Chairman, participated on the Rabbinical Search Committees, and has served for over 40 years as Gabbai. In recognition of this life of service, he was named to the select group of honorary Life Members of the Board of Trustees.

Beginning with the time he served his country in World War II, Herbert Tanzman has maintained a distinguished legacy of community service. For his service in WWII's Naval

Aviation unit, Mr. Tanzman was awarded the Navy Air Medal. A combat veteran of the Battle of Iwo Jima, he has served as Commander of the Veterans Alliance, Commander of Jewish War Veterans Post 133 (New Brunswick, NJ), member of the National Executive Committee of the JWV, National Representative and National Foreign Affairs Chair of JWV of the USA, and Executive Board member of the Navy League.

Mr. Tanzman has demonstrated his leadership through every facet of his life. He has enjoyed a successful career as director for the Real Estate firm of Jacobson, Goldfarb and Tanzman Associates. He rose to the ranks of leadership in his profession to President of the New Jersey Real Estate Commission. He also demonstrated his commitment to his community as a Councilman and Mayor of Highland Park. He served on the State of New Jersey County and Municipal Government Study Commission, and the Board of Directors of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

In his tireless efforts to further the causes of human rights, the dignity of the individual, inter-group relations, and a prosperous community for all, Mr. Tanzman has been affiliated with a diverse range of organizations and causes. He has been active in the Job Corps, United Community Services and the Raritan Valley United Jewish Appeal. He has served as the National Liaison Officer to the Catholic War Veterans, and as National Civil Rights Chairman and National Legislative Chairman and National Chairman of American Indian Affairs. He has helped to build the civic life of his community and his country as a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of United Community Services, Trustee of the Middlesex-Somerset Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Association, Board member of Job Corps, member of the Board of Directors of YMHA, Chairman of the Building Fund Campaign, and member of the Board of Directors of the Central New Jersey Jewish Home for the Aged. He currently serves as National Vice Chairman and National Campaign Cabinet Member of Israel Bonds, and has served as an Executive Board member of the Greater Monmouth Jewish Federation. He is also President of the Ocean Cove Condominium Association in West End, NJ.

Mr. Tanzman is the recipient of the Jerusalem Covenant Award, the Humanitarian Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Ben Gurion Award, Israel's coveted Sword of the Haganah Award for record-breaking achievement in bond sales, and, together with his son, Roy, the Family Achievement Award of the State of Israel Bonds, which he received last year at the International Prime Ministers Club dinner in Palm Beach, Florida.

He and his wife, the former Mildred Siegel, have been married for over fifty years and are the parents of three children and grandparents of seven. Roy Tanzman, an attorney, is married to Brenda, and they are the parents of Jill and Brett. Roy and Brenda are previous recipients of the Chaver Award. Jeffrey Tanzman, a

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